

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2006**

The Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, met in regular session January 10, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. with Chairman Proctor presiding.

Present were Commissioners Thaell; Sauls; Winchester; Grippa; Rackleff; and DePuy. Also present were County Attorney Herb Thiele; County Administrator Parwez Alam; Director of Finance Bill Bogan, Jr.; and Secretary Diane F. Norvell.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The Invocation was provided by Chairman Bill Proctor who then led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consent

ACTION TAKEN: Item #13 was pulled for discussion.

Commissioner Grippa moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve staff recommendation of the remaining Consent Items. The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Rackleff out of Chambers.

1. Approval of Minutes: December 6, 2005 Special Meeting and December 13, 2005 Regular Meeting

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005 Special Meeting and December 13, 2005 Regular meeting.

2. Approval of Payment of Bills and Vouchers Submitted for Approval for January 10, 2006, and Pre-approval Payment of Bills and Vouchers for the Period January 11, 2006 through January 23, 2006

The Board approved Option 1: Approve payment of bills and vouchers submitted for approval for January 10, 2006, and pre-approve payment of bills and vouchers for the period January 11, 2006 through January 23, 2006.

3. Adoption of a Proposed Policy, "Discretionary Funding Guidelines"

The Board approved Option 1: Adopt the proposed Policy to direct the allocation of County discretionary funds.

4. Approval of the FY 2006/2007 Budget Calendar

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the use of the Budget Calendar for FY 2006/2007.

5. Request to Schedule a Public Hearing on a Proposed Ordinance Amending Article III, "On-site Sewage Disposal Systems," of Chapter 18, "Utilities" of the Code of Laws of Leon County for Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

The Board approved Option 1: Schedule first and only public hearing regarding a proposed Ordinance amending Article III "On -site Sewage Disposal Systems" of Chapter 18 "Utilities" of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

6. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the December 12, 2005 Annual Board Retreat

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify actions taken by the Board at the December 12, 2005 Annual Retreat and direct staff to submit quarterly updates on each priority and administrative issue.

7. Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2005 Meeting of the Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board as a Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Minutes of the December 8, 2005 Meeting of the Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board as a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

8. Approval of a Resolution and Associated Supplemental Lease Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture for Space in the Leon County Agricultural Center

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and associated Supplemental Lease Agreement for a Five-Year Lease Renewal with U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service for space in the Leon County Agricultural Center and authorize the Chairman to execute.

9. Consideration to Initiate a Proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment Requiring City Annexations to Meet Leon County Stormwater Standards.

The Board approved Option 1: Initiate a proposed Comprehensive Plan amendment for the 2006-2 Cycle that would require annexed properties to adopt the jurisdictional standards that are the most stringent and/or address current legal agreements.

10. Approval to Award Bid to the Tallahassee Advertiser for the Advertisement of the Leon County 2005 Delinquent Tax Notices

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the award of bid to the Tallahassee Advertiser for Option B at the rate of \$.36 per square inch.

11. Approval of Leon County/City of Tallahassee Joint Project Agreement for Design Services to Construct Kerry Forest Parkway Extension

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Leon County/City of Tallahassee Joint Project Agreement for Design Services and Plans to construct the Kerry Forest Parkway Extension and authorize the Chairman to Execute.

12. Approval of Resolution and Associated Budget Amendment for Whispering Pines East Private Road Paving Pilot Project

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the Resolution and associated Budget Amendment Request for Whispering Pines East Private Road Paving Pilot Project in the amount of \$100,000.

13. Approval of Agreement Awarding Bid to Trojan Labor of Tallahassee for Temporary Employees, Continuing Services Annual Contract

Commissioner Grippa pulled this item for discussion.

- Commissioner Grippa asked Staff why the entity chosen was not M/WBE certified. Commissioner Grippa stated there was also no goal advertised in the bid.
- Mr. Tony Park, Director of Public Works stated he believed it was determined Staff would not be able to have that as a goal in the MBE part.
- Commissioner Grippa asked how that was determined.
- Mr. Park stated he believed that determination was made by the Purchasing Department.
- Kim Dressel, Management Services Director stated a goal was not placed in it due to the limited availability of MBE firms. She stated she believes it was a decision made by the MBE Office, but would have to confirm that.
- Commissioner Grippa stated his concern is that in the tab, we obviously waited because this one says 'no' and the rest say 'yes'. Commissioner Grippa indicated that he is not aware of the County choosing an entity that indicated no in that column.
- Keith Roberts, Purchasing Director stated there was no goal and no statement submitted simply because there 'was no goal'. Mr. Roberts further explained the other companies inserted their statement, but there was a zero on the form. The 'yes' simply indicates the form has been filled out.

- Commissioner Grippa confirmed that in the Leon County Purchasing Division bid tabulation sheet it's just a statement submitted. Commissioner Grippa asked when the last time this was bid.
- Keith Roberts indicated this matter has been quoted in the past, because of seasonal work, but this is the first time it has been put out to bid to have a solid contract to get the best rate. Also, the State of Florida has a contract for temporary labor, for services like these and the rate before the Board is 30 cents an hour less than that.
- Commissioner Grippa asked what is the difference between Temporary Services and OPS.
- Keith Roberts explained an OPS status indicates the County has responsibility for paying the employees and paying for any Worker's Compensation liability, etc. Temporary service employees are paid by the service that employees them and that company is liable for any worker's comp claims, etc. i.e., Manpower, Kelly Services, etc.
- Commissioner Grippa asked if an analysis has been conducted comparing the hiring of workers as OPS vs. using temporary agencies.
- Tony Park stated there is no completed analysis at this time; but one could be done through their budget process.

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to approve Option 1 with modifications: Approve the Agreement awarding bid to Trojan Labor of Tallahassee for Temporary Employees Continuing Services Annual Contract, for one year only and authorize the Chairman to execute. Staff is directed to bring back a cost analysis between OPS workers and temporary services workers. Motion carried 7-0.

14. Ratification of Board Actions Taken at the December 13, 2005 Workshop on Leon County Community Centers and the Associated Policies and Fees

The Board approved Option 1: Ratify the Board actions taken at the December 13, 2005 Workshop on Leon County Community Centers and the Associated Policies and Fees and approve addition of Section 8-11 to the Use and Scheduling of Parks & Recreation Facilities Policy.

15. Approval of the "Criteria for Uses" for the Apalachee Parkway Regional Park Master Plan

The Board approved Option 1: Approve the "Criteria for Uses" for the Apalachee Parkway Regional Park Master Plan.

16. Authorization to County Attorney to Initiate Suit Against Charles and Manuela DiBella to Enjoin Obstruction of County Easement

The Board approved Option 1: Provide Board authorization for the County Attorney's Office to pursue litigation against Charles and Manuela Dibella to enjoin them from obstructing the County's stormwater easement on Bold Venture Trail.

General Business

17. Consideration of Sponsorship of a Table at the FRIENDS of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library's Author Event Fundraiser in the Amount of \$2,500

- County Administrator Alam presented the item to the Board.

Commissioner Thael moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to approve Option 1: Approve sponsoring a table at the FRIENDS of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library's Author Event Fundraiser in the amount of \$2,500 and approved the associated budget amendment. The motion carried 7-0.

18. Acceptance of Report of Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board (PHIAB) on a Comprehensive Healthcare Plan for the Uninsured and Indigent Citizens of Leon County

- County Administrator Alam reported this item is regarding a recommendation from the PHIAB Board to accept a 'strawman' Comprehensive Healthcare Plan. County Administrator Alam updated the Board on the history of this recommendation.
 - He reported a PHIAB Subcommittee worked on this project about 18 months prior to bringing the current proposed plan to the PHIAB Board.
 - The PHIAB Board met on December 8, 2005 and approved a motion to provide the recommendation before the Board today to hire a consultant to 'cost-out' various plans.
 - PHIAB recommends the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Administrator to hire one of two consultants proposed under the State Contract to develop an implementation plan.
- County Administrator Alam explained a plan developed by a consultant would look at different revenue sources and means of implementing a healthcare plan. If the Board authorizes hiring a consultant the plan completed by the consultant (in approximately 30-45 days) would first go back before the PHIAB for review. After PHIAB's review the plan would be brought back before the County Commission for consideration.
- Commissioner Proctor asked the County Administrator what the total turn around time for development of a comprehensive healthcare plan to be brought before the Board for consideration would be at this point.
- County Administrator Alam indicated this matter should come back to the Board for a decision in 45 to 60 days.

Speakers:

Joe O'Shea, representing the FSU student body stated in the past students have not had large involvement with local politics but with the comprehensive healthcare issue before the County the students must say 'enough'. The injustice of unequal access to healthcare forces the students to stand up and 'flex their electoral muscle'. FSU students who are typically members of the affluent and socially responsible Leon County demand that the indigent in Leon County no longer die because they do not have the money to afford life. The Student Senate representing 40,000 FSU students recently passed a resolution in support of expanded indigent healthcare. FSU students will insure their small community and ask the Board to insure the community of Leon County.

Pedro Dusan – FSU student stated it is our duty and obligation to help those who cannot afford healthcare. Healthcare is a right and not a privilege. As human beings we must hold up our morals. He totally supports a referendum.

Gabriel Pendo Student Senate President, FSU stated many FSU students came tonight with words of passion and respect for the citizens of Leon County. Students recognize the importance of their involvement in their community. The FSU Senate created an ad hoc committee to look into the healthcare issue. They looked at the work TEAM and various other agencies have been doing. Glad to see the BCC is addressing this issue and hopes the motion will pass.

Stefanie Shumate FSU student and member of FSU Senate stated she was there to echo remarks made by her peers. As a registered voter, property owner and member of the FSU ad hoc committee she feels Leon County can truly make a difference with passing this proposal.

Carol Wortham, member of Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry (TEAM) asked the Board to consider how they are going to address making a long term commitment to the funding of indigent care. There is funding to be had through the state and federal governments. The BCC needs to monitor legislation closely to ensure the intergovernmental transfer of funds is maintained.

William Feland Physician Asst. expressed a desperate need for a comprehensive health plan that includes the uninsured. It is true that Leon County has fewer uninsured than surrounding counties. However there are still 18, 000 uninsured citizens in Leon County scattered across all the zip codes, not just in the southern part. If low cost primary care can be made available, then chronic conditions can be treated early. We would save money in the long run if citizens were able to address their health issues early to prevent more expensive treatment needs later. Primary care can keep people out of the ICU. Bond clinic has a two month waiting list for appointments. There is a hidden tax we are already paying when citizens are forced to go to the emergency room and can't pay the bill. Therefore, the hospital 'writes the cost off' and everyone's insurance premiums end up being raised.

Ida Smith, referred to a presentation she made on Dec. 5, 2005 regarding unaffordable health insurance for retirees. She supports hiring a consultant to come up with a comprehensive health plan. She has been working with members of government regarding affordable insurance for retirees. Upon retiring after 30 years of service with the state, her health insurance costs have escalated to the point where she is afraid she will lose her own insurance because she can't afford it. She may soon have to choose between eating and paying for her health insurance.

Rabbi Romburg, Temple Israel - largest Jewish congregation in Tallahassee stated Christians and Jews shared sacred texts that mandate we all care for the least among us. Reminded us we need to 'love our neighbors as ourselves'. Stated it is our moral obligation to do this.

- Commissioner ThaelI wanted to clarify his position on the healthcare issue. A newspaper article yesterday made it look like he was not in support of the sales tax proposed for healthcare. Commissioner ThaelI stated that first we need a plan to identify how to fund a comprehensive healthcare plan for our community. He named several issues associated with the need for consideration in regard to a comprehensive healthcare plan – dental care, mental health care, assistance for those with HIV/AIDS.

Commissioner ThaelI moved, seconded by Commissioner Rackleff to approve Option 1: Accept Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board report and authorize the County Administrator to bring back an agenda item to consider the hiring of a consultant under State Contract #973-500-03-01, Benefits Consulting and Actuarial Services to develop a scope of service; to examine funding sources; and to establish a cost for consulting services. The motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Grippa opposed.

- Commissioner Grippa stated all the Commissioners were in support of creating a better community even though there were philosophical differences on the approach and ramifications. He stated he respects Commissioner ThaelI and Commissioner Rackleff's dedication to this matter. They have been persistent, tenacious and admirable. However, some issues need to be discussed and debated. Commissioner Grippa noted that when monies are used for something new obviously it comes from somewhere else. Even if a sales tax is approved – it would be a zero sum gain. Commissioner Grippa asked County Administrator Alam out of the 67 counties – who has the least amount of 'indigent' uninsured.
- County Administrator Alam stated it is Leon County.
- Commissioner Grippa discussed several issues including:
 - Five years ago the BCC discussed how to provide a basic level of healthcare. Different models were discussed at that time.
 - Suggested the County stops spending tens of millions of dollars on marketing the clinics in Leon County if they are so overcrowded.

- How did the list of healthcare services that would be provided before the BCC today come into being – who decided what services would be allowed and not allowed.
 - Is it the County's role and responsibility to provide health insurance for their citizens based on the County's limited tax base.
 - Historically the federal government has provided Medicaid. Over the years the state became the provider for Medicaid.
 - Does not believe local government has the role to provide comprehensive healthcare for its citizens.
- Commissioner Grippa asked Staff if he showed up at an emergency room for treatment if he could be turned down for lack of ability to pay.
 - Mr. Joe Sharp indicated Commissioner Grippa could not be turned down at the emergency room.
 - Commissioner Grippa stated he didn't want anyone to think that someone could die because there is no treatment available.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked how many people visit the Neighborhood Health Clinic and the Bond Clinic per day.
 - Mr. Sharp stated he did not have the daily figures, but annually they see over 9,000 patients.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked how many uninsured do we have in Leon County.
 - Mr. Sharp answered 18, 847.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked how many patients have been turned down.
 - Mr. Sharp answered he did not know that number.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked how many patients are seen per hour.
 - Mr. Sharp stated each licensed practitioner authorized to see patients see 4,007 patient visits per licensed practitioner per year which is above the national average for community health centers.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked how many people seeking treatment are employed.
 - Mr. Sharp indicated per his information 5,554 employed uninsured individuals within Leon County.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked about data from a tracking system.
 - Mr. Sharp indicated the system has been developed but is not in place at this point.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked how many other counties provided the services proposed in the strawman plan.
 - Mr. Sharp stated he was not aware of any other program that was a 'strawman' program. There are 7 or 8 other counties that are providing comprehensive healthcare for the uninsured.
 - Commissioner Grippa asked about the WeCare program.
 - Mr. Sharp indicated there is currently not a 90 day waiting period by WeCare but there are some services not offered by WeCare.
 - Chairman Proctor asked Commissioner Grippa to ensure his questions were relevant to the item before the Board.
 - County Administrator Alam gave the Board statistics regarding other counties and what they provide:

Alachua County – has a ¼ cent tax yielding \$7 million annually that provides primary, specialty care, pharmacy assistance, limited in-patient/out-patient, basic dental care, disease management.

Hillsboro County – has the ½ cent sales tax and provides much more – generate \$100 million annually.

Polk County – ½ cent sales tax – generate about \$34 million annually – provide pharmacy, teen pregnancy, children's health/dental, adult health.

Dade County – approximately ½ cent sales tax. We do not have a list of what they provide.

Some of the other counties like Broward, Bay, Hendry, Indian River, Lake, Monroe Orange and Volusia – have formed taxing districts. Most of these districts are independent of the County Commission.

Collier and Manatee provide services through general revenue.

Four counties have the sales tax, eight counties have a special district taxing, and two counties have general revenue.

Commissioner Grippa asked several questions as to what services were and were not covered under the proposed 'strawman' plan.

- Commissioner Rackleff stated we should 'ask the experts' on an issue as important as this one. We have heard from PHIAB, TEAM, and we are simply deciding whether or not to hire a consultant at this meeting. Commissioner Rackleff stated he rejects the idea that the County is not responsible for providing healthcare for the citizens of Leon County. Many employers are downgrading their insurance coverage for employees while wages are declining. It is becoming impossible for working families to pay out of pocket for healthcare. Commissioner Rackleff stated there is no one program this County could fund that would have a stronger impact on the improved economy than this healthcare proposal. A healthy workforce is a productive workforce. This is also an economic development issue as well as a moral issue.

Commissioner Sauls asked the maker of the motion to clarify the motion. Is the motion to bring back an agenda item to consider the hiring (of a consultant).

Commissioner Thaeff clarified the motion.

Commissioner Thaeff stated the motion was to: Accept the Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board Report and authorize the County Administrator to hire a consultant under State Contract #973-500-03-01, Benefits Consulting and Actuarial

Services; to develop a scope of service; to examine funding sources; and to establish a cost for consulting services.

- Commissioner Sauls asked the County Administrator if the Consultant would be bound by the "strawman" proposal.
- County Administrator Alam stated the Consultant would use the "strawman" PHIAB proposal as a basis to develop the comprehensive healthcare program. Whatever the consultant produces will come back to the Board for consideration.
- Commissioner DePuy stated he wants to see the BCC hire a consultant. Commissioner DePuy stated this matter is far from settled and will require a lot more discussion before the Board can decide what they can do to best serve the citizens of Leon County. Commissioner DePuy stated he voted to have an MSTU for indigent healthcare in July 2001. About 70% of the citizens of Leon County live within the city limits. Commissioner DePuy pointed out he doesn't know if the City has addressed this issue at all. The City is by far the more liquid government here locally and has resources that the County does not have. Commissioner DePuy encouraged citizens to continue to demand from the County; but also demand from the City government, Senators and State Representatives, and Legislators.
- Commissioner Thael stated this item is on the agenda to move forward with this issue by hiring a consultant to bring back a scope of services, to examine funding sources of a perpetual nature without having to go through the political budgeting process each year. He noted this item is not about looking at what didn't work or about looking at what other counties are or are not doing – it's about our community and what we want to do. Commissioner Thael thanked Commissioner DePuy, and the PHIAB Board for all the hard work they have done on this issue.

Commissioner Grippa asked the maker of the motion to include a request for the County Administrator to bring back an analysis of a hospital taxing district in his motion – what it is, what it does. Also, what other counties have spent – the total cost of a comprehensive health plan. He does not want to see an increase in the sales tax. Commissioner Grippa will not support Leon County having the highest sales tax in the state of Florida.

- Commissioner Proctor stated he supports this motion. Complimented Ms. Smith on her statements. Commissioner Proctor agreed that we want a stable system to address the indigent healthcare problem and thanked the students from FSU for coming to the meeting to express their convictions. Commissioner Proctor stated young people in this country need to develop the type of caring expressed by the FSU students to help make a strong society with good leadership.

19. Acceptance of Update on the Bradfordville Agreements and Associated Issues

- County Administrator Alam explained this item is a status report on the Bradfordville Agreements and associated issues. County Administrator Alam

stated Mr. David McDevitt has done an outstanding job on this item and is present to answer any questions.

- Commissioner Grippa asked about the Coptic Church and bringing the pond into compliance, as well as the Greater Springhill Missionary Baptist Church.
- Mr. McDevitt stated the Springhill Church on Bannerman Road case will probably be a case that goes before the Code Board. Staff has made several attempts to resolve this matter. In regard to Coptic Church Staff is still trying to work with Dr. Solomon to complete that work.
- Commissioner Grippa stated considering the years that this matter has remained unresolved, at what point does the County demand they be brought into compliance. He asked about Cavendish Cove – the density in that particular area.
- Mr. McDevitt stated Staff has met with Kim Foster, the Developer of the property. Mr. McDevitt reported the project has not gone forward because they have not been able to demonstrate compliance with the Bradfordville stormwater standards.
- Commissioner Grippa commended Mr. McDevitt and his staff for the excellent report submitted on this item.

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to approve Option 1: Accept the status report on the Bradfordville Settlement Agreements. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Proctor stated he wanted to ask about the location of the Greater Springhill Missionary Baptist Church. He stated it bothered him that people who have been attending this Church for at least 100 years are now out of compliance due to new developments. Commissioner Proctor asked why are they being forced to create this stormwater facility - don't they get 'grandfathered'.
- Mr. McDevitt stated they have to address an expansion to the Church that was started without a permit. They only have to deal with the new addition to their church. Mr. McDevitt indicated Staff will meet with the group again prior to making this a code enforcement decision.
- Commissioner Proctor asked the maker of the motion to move slowly, and ensure we have exhausted all possibilities before bringing this matter before the Code Enforcement Board.
- Commissioner Thael agreed that the BCC has a secular duty to adopt and administrate land use decisions and churches use land. Commissioner Thael stated he had great faith in the Staff and cautioned there is a due process issue.
- County Attorney Thiele stated the Board could not differentiate procedure on the basis of land use.
- Commissioner DePuy stated perhaps the staff could use the type of discretion used in law enforcement. He agrees there is a difference in the way we need to treat churches regardless of the denomination. However, if the Church does not comply then Staff needs to take the action they need to take. But, for now please give them the benefit of the doubt.

20. Consideration of Payment to Fringe Benefits for Expenses Related to the Proposed

Sale of the Building

- County Administrator Alam briefed the Board that he received an e-mail from the owners of this building stating they would like to pull this item.
- Commissioner Grippa stated he would like to vote on this item.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, seconded by Commissioner Thael to remove item #20 from the agenda. The motion was amended to include the County Attorney's research of the legality of the request for payment should the item be brought back to the Board for consideration. The motion carried 7-0.

- Commissioner Grippa asked the County Attorney if this request was legal. Can we reimburse somebody for this.
- County Attorney Thiele stated he had serious concerns whether this item would meet the 'public purpose test'.
- Commissioner Grippa asked the maker of the motion to include that if the agenda item is brought back to the Board, the County Attorney will provide an analysis of the legality of the reimbursement.

21. Consideration of Recommendations Regarding the Lake Lafayette Watershed Study Report

- County Administrator Alam stated the Staff recommends the Board obtain comments from the Science Advisory Committee, The Water Resources Committee and the Public Works Department prior to acting on this report. Staff also recommends the County pay ERD for all contractual work performed less a liquidated damage of \$22,800.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to approve Options 1 and 2: 1) Direct staff to obtain recommendations and comments from the Science Advisory Committee, Water Resources Committee, and the Public Works Department and 2) Direct staff to pay ERD for all contractual work performed less a liquidated damage of \$22,800.

- Commissioner Thael stated he had questions for Theresa Heiker, Stormwater Management since she has been closely involved in looking at the report and the recommendations and active in analyzing the County's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program. Commissioner Thael stated he had questions regarding the data and the impacts of the data regarding the County's TMDL.

Question: Commissioner Thael asked what Ms. Heiker's impression is of the data collection and the interpretation inherent in the report:

Answer: Ms. Heiker stated Staff reviewed the preliminary draft submitted in August and identified a substantial number of very basic assumptions that

they have not seen information on in that report that would support some of the conclusions drawn by Dr. Harper. Staff is looking forward to receiving a more complete report providing information that can support Dr. Harper's statements.

Question: Commissioner Thaelle asked if Staff was hoping that a review by the Science Advisory Committee (SAC), the Water Resources Committee (WRC) and Public Works would provide some clarification or some questions that further clarify some of the assumptions inherent in this report if Option 1 passes. He then asked if not, has Staff directed the Consultant to do further analysis and interpretation

Answer: Ms. Heiker indicated that given their role as a support reviewer to the Growth Management Dept. they have not been directly involved in the quarterly reviews of the data in pursuing completeness of the report. Pending the final report submittal – she is hoping there is data available in the interim reports that is not summarized in this report.

Question: Commissioner Thaelle asked if this is information Staff does not have at this time.

Answer: Ms Heiker stated that is correct.

Question: Commissioner Thaelle asked does this report suggest that Upper Lake Lafayette is not actually a lake.

Answer: Ms Heiker stated there was a specific request made by their committee in the draft to clarify the definition of all the lake segments as either lake or wetland – they were referred to interchangeably in the draft. The statement from Dr. Harper acknowledged Staff's question but there was no specific identification of Upper Lake Lafayette as anything other than either a depressional area that stores water or an area that could develop lake characteristics in an extended wet period.

- Commissioner Thaelle stated everyone is aware of the main sinkhole and other sinkholes.
- Ms. Heiker stated the period of record Dr. Harper relied on was a very limited period. She had hoped for information covering a 50 – 60 yr of rainfall period that was not considered. Dr. Harper's report appears to be a study that only covers a one year dry period.

Question: Commissioner Thaelle asked what other lakes would then not be considered lakes by Dr. Harper.

Answer: Ms. Heiker named several.

- Commissioner Thael stated he is concerned how this report could affect the Board meeting Leon County's efforts to establish TMDL's for phosphorous fecal coliform for this and other water bodies.
- Ms Heiker reported that it has greatly affected Staff's TMDL effort. This information has been presented to the EPA and she has had discussions with EPA staff regarding the limited data set that appears to be the database for this analysis. She reported she was contacted by the writer of the TMDL regarding information provided in the report.
- Commissioner Thael then summarized that the County hired a consultant to establish TMDL's for Upper Lake Lafayette but the study conducted by that consultant has now called into question the validity of the standards established by the County's TMDL's for that lake. Commissioner Thael asked if that summary was correct.
- Ms. Heiker stated she cannot correlate the two at this point.
- Commissioner Thael asked if the recommendation by Staff is to have further review by Public Works and other Advisory Boards.
- Ms. Heiker stated yes and she has made this recommendation to the EPA as well.
- Commissioner Thael stated the County is being asked to pay for a study that the Staff does not believe is acceptable and also has been used by the EPA to challenge the County's establishment of TMDL's. He asked the County Attorney to comment.
- County Attorney Herb Thiele indicated this report makes the County's job much more difficult. Also, the document was not provided to the EPA by the County but was provided by those who don't like the County's position.
- Commissioner Thael asked who that would be.
- County Attorney Thiele responded that would be the City.
- Commissioner Thael then summarized the discussion outlined above. He then asked what are the reduction standards for phosphorous and fecal coliform.
- Staff and the County Attorney Thiele indicated a 60% reduction for the coliform. The state had proposed a 22% reduction. The County identified a 60% reduction. The City wanted between an 8 – 12% reduction.

Commissioner Thael made a substitute motion to move Option 1.

Commissioner Rackleff stated he would accept a friendly amendment to his initial motion to approve Option 1 only.

Commissioner Rackleff moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to accept a friendly amendment made by Commissioner Thael to his first motion to approve Option 1 only: 1) Direct staff to obtain recommendations and comments from the Science Advisory Committee, Water Resources Committee, and the Public Works Department. The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Winchester out of Chambers.

- Commissioner Thael also requested Staff expedite this matter.

- Commissioner Grippa stated he was very concerned about this agenda item that was apparently going to give Mr. Harper personally \$150,000 that the BCC voted not to give him. Commissioner Grippa referenced Board action taken at the February 22, 2005 meeting indicated ERD's liquidated damages were \$150,000 not \$22,000. The report was two years late. Commissioner Grippa asked the County Attorney doesn't the BCC need to make a motion to reconsider.
- County Attorney Herb Thiele stated the Board would have to make a motion to rescind their prior action.
- Commissioner Grippa stated this aspect of the report should not be on page 7 of an agenda – The reduction amount should have been included in the options.
- County Administrator Alam agreed with Commissioner Grippa and that Staff made a mistake.
- Commissioner Grippa wants to ensure in the future any differentiations on what the Board has ruled on should be clear and clearly indicated in the options available on the agenda item. Commissioner Grippa asked if Mr. Harper works for the City of Tallahassee.
- County Administrator Alam indicated that he does.
- Commissioner Grippa asked if Commissioner Thael was therefore making the point that the BCC hired a consultant that works for the City who developed a report that supports the City's position.

22. Expirations, Vacancies and Appointments to: Audit Advisory Committee, Canopy Roads Citizens Committee, Code Enforcement Board, Cultural Resources Commission, Housing Finance Authority, Human Services Grant Review Committee, Lake Jackson Recreation Council, Library Advisory Board, Woodville Recreation Council, and Workforce Plus

Audit Advisory Committee

- Commissioner Thael nominated Mark Ryan.
- Commissioner Grippa nominated Ms. Sandy Robinson.

The Board approved the appointments 7-0.

Canopy Roads Citizens Committee

- Commissioner Thael nominated Georjean Machulis.

The Board approved the appointment 7-0.

Code Enforcement Board

- Commissioner Proctor appointed Don Downey.

Cultural Resources Commission

Commissioner Thaell moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy to appoint Mr. Mickey Brady (Tourism); Dr. Valliere Richard Auzene (Heritage); and Ms. Anne Mackenzie (Volunteerism). The motion carried 7-0.

Housing Finance Authority

- Commissioner DePuy appointed Mr. Ross Fleetwood.
- Commissioner Grippa appointed Mr. George Morris.

Human Services Grant Review Committee

- Commissioner DePuy reappointed Ms. Kimberly Moore
- Commissioner Grippa appointed Mr. Brian Elzweig
- Commissioner Rackleff reappointed Ms. Beverlee DeMello
- Commissioner Sauls reappointed Mr. Billy Holder
- Commissioner Thaell reappointed Ms. Anita Davis
- Commissioner Winchester continued his appointment until the February 14, 2006 Meeting
- Commissioner Proctor appointed Wilson Barnes

Lake Jackson Recreation Council

- Commissioner Thaell continued his appointment until the February 14, 2006 Meeting

Library Advisory Board

- Commissioner DePuy reappointed Ms. Anneliese Oppenheim
- Commissioner Grippa continued his appointment until the February 14, 2006 Meeting
- Commissioner Winchester appointed Ms. Florence Brainerd

Woodville Recreation Council

- Commissioner Winchester appointed Robert Manning

Workforce Plus

- Commissioner Thaell nominated Mr. Fred Tedio

The Board approved the nomination unanimously 7-0.

- Commissioner Proctor thanked the Commissioners for their nominations and appointments.

Scheduled Public Hearings, 6:00 p.m.

23. Continuation of the First and Only Public Hearing for the Proposed Abandonment of Lord Fox Road in Oak Valley Estates Subdivision

- County Administrator Alam indicated Staff's recommendation is to adopt the Resolution. Basically, this recommendation states the County needs to maintain a 30 ft easement for utilities and pedestrians.

Commissioner Thael moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls to approve Option 1: Conduct the Public Hearing and adopt the Resolution for Abandonment of Lord Fox Road. The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Winchester out of Chambers.

24. Continuation of the First and Only Public Hearing on the Chason Woods Subdivision Type "C" Site and Development Plan

- County Administrator Alam reported the Applicant has requested this item be continued until the February 14, 2006 BCC Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner DePuy moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls to continue the First and Only Public Hearing to February 14, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Winchester out of Chambers.

Citizens to be Heard on Non-Agendaed Items (6-minute limit)

Speakers:

Marcus Finley, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, FSU stated that on January 14, 2006 on the FSU Campus Alpha Phi Alpha along with the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Alpha Educational Leadership Foundation will be hosting a 5K Martin Luther King Dream Walk to: raise funds for the MLK Memorial to be built in Washington D.C.; sponsor a scholarship to a local high school student; and for a donation to a local non profit organization. The memorial to Dr. King will be a reminder of the sacrifices made toward eliminating intolerance and promoting equality in our nation. Mr. Finley requested funding in the amount of \$1,000 to help sponsor this event. Dr. King was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha.

Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy to waive the rules to vote on the funding request. The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Winchester out of Chambers.

Commissioner Sauls moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy to approve a funding request of \$1,000 to sponsor the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dream Walk

and authorize the County Administrator to provide funds from the General Contingency Fund, if necessary. The motion carried 6-0, with Commissioner Winchester out of Chambers.

Mr. Harry Stacey, wanted to discuss the Lakewood Industrial Park proposed rezoning. He asked can someone just come in and take over a buffer zone.

- Commissioner Winchester informed Mr. Stacey the Planning Commission Public Hearing is being held at City Hall now, and asked if Wayne Tedder, Director of Planning Dept. could direct Mr. Stacey to City Hall so he could get any comments in. Commissioner Winchester informed Mr. Stacey the County Commission is hearing this matter at the January 24th meeting, and this matter is not on the Board's agenda for this meeting. He invited Mr. Stacey to call his office if he had any further concerns he wanted to discuss tomorrow.

Mr. Eugene Danaher, stated he was distressed over the Commissioners' decision to hold their annual retreat at Wakulla Springs this year. Secondly he was distressed to find out what the Top Priorities at the Retreat did not include – streamlining the permitting process. Wants to know what progress the Blue Ribbon Committee suggested by Commissioner Proctor to address this issue is making. He is also upset over 'consulting fees'. Can't the County Staff provide enough consultation. Complimented the Board on its decision to turn down Turbocorps' egregious proposal.

County Attorney

Stated the Board had directed the CAO to engage in settlement discussions with Wakulla County on the N.G. Wade case. The settlement documents were approved and the Board approved of the settlement documents approximately 6 months ago. The major condition was to work out an Interlocal Agreement between Leon and Wakulla County that would serve to address the Board's concerns and the traffic issue. Please to inform the BCC that at least the CAOs of both Wakulla and Leon County have come to agreement that will be put on the respective Commission agendas at the next BCC Meetings. He is extremely pleased to reach an agreement he had thought may not have even been possible in the beginning. This will require developer mitigation of the traffic issues.

Has a memo to distribute regarding the Clean Water Act cases. The CAO worked extremely hard to try to convince the Georgia EPD and the City of Caro to adopt more stringent treatment standards for their sewage treatment plants to reduce their nutrient loading. After succeeding with getting the new permits issued for Caro, with the Board's direction the CAO has turned their attention to other areas of concern, specifically the sewage treatment plants in Thomasville and Moultrie and an industrial plant in Georgia. Georgia EPD have agreed with the Leon County CAO's arguments – without having precedent for this – and have now required the City of Moultrie to likewise change their treatment methodologies to

significantly reduce the amount of phosphorous and nutrient loadings for their new sewage treatment plant permit and to do downstream water assessments the CAO has requested and received from the City of Caro also. We should see significant water quality improvement. All these accomplishments have been made without having to go to court.

- Commissioner Proctor stated the achievements just outlined above reflect the type of success and results the BCC knows Leon County's County Attorney is capable of securing and that we are fortunate to be 'armed' with this type of professional who is able to achieve such success without the Board spending money in litigation. Commissioner Proctor noted that Commissioner Winchester has pursued this matter for a long time also.
- Commissioner Winchester commended County Attorney Thiele and his staff on their efforts to work out these issues especially without any litigation involved.
- Commissioner Winchester complimented the County Attorney for his excellent work on these matters.

The Board also had requested the CAO, at the request of Commissioner DePuy to make sure they worked with the other agencies in the state. The CAO has a meeting with the Florida DEP Staff January 11, 2006 at 1:30 to attempt to gain their assistance with other plants.

County Administrator

No additional comments.

Discussion Items by Commissioners

Commissioner Grippa

Asked The County Administrator to bring back an agenda item regarding the auditing practices of the Clerk of the Courts Office. Stated his office located some monies that he thought the Clerk's Office was checking as it went out. Wants an agenda item regarding what the Clerk's responsibility is pre-audit and post-audit.

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls to direct staff to bring back an agenda item regarding the auditing practices of the Clerk of the Court's Office pre-audit and post-audit. The motion carried 7-0.

National Federation of Black Public Administrators is coming to Tallahassee. Would like the County to sponsor a table at the cost of \$2,000. Two County employees are being honored at this event – Wanda Hunter Director of Probation Department and Candice Wilson, Senior Budget Analyst.

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Thael for the County to purchase a Platinum table at the National Forum for Black Public Administrators Public Service Award Banquet with a cost of \$2,000 to come from the General Contingency Fund. Invitations will be distributed among Staff to honor our County employees receiving awards. The motion carried 7-0.

Requested a resolution for Robbie Mills, Jr. who earned the status of 'eagle scout' through working on a project at the County's Solid Waste Facility.

There is an ad valorem tax military exemption for Randall Nelson who missed the 12/31/05 deadline. Mr. Nelson lives in Tallahassee, but is with a unit not based here. Commissioner Grippa asked Ms. DeLean Johnson, Veteran Services Director to explain the situation after he commended her on doing an excellent job on this year's Veteran's Day Parade. Mr. Nelson did not find out about the Military Grant Program until January.

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to agenda an item to consider developing a plan to provide information on the Leon county Military Grant Program to Leon County military service members who are attached to a unit outside the Leon County area. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Grippa stated that after the discussion on Turbocorps the availability of \$1.7 million dollars for development came to the forefront. He asked the Board to agenda consideration to spend \$1 million of that money toward building a level 2 Trauma Center at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital. Commissioner Grippa named several reasons for this suggestion – this would add jobs, Leon County has one of the worst mortality rates due to injuries in the State. The other five counties with the worst mortality rates are surrounding counties including Gadsden, Franklin and Jefferson. We could ask TMH how many jobs would be created, etc. in regards to the economic development aspect of this proposal

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner DePuy to agenda discussion on spending \$1 million of the monies available for the Economic Development fund to provide a Level Two Trauma Center at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

Commissioner DePuy asked the motion maker to consider a friendly amendment to submit a request to the legislature for funding assistance, considering a trauma center, if it passes would be used by the surrounding counties named above. The entire cost of such a project should therefore not fall on the citizens of Leon County.

Commissioner Grippa accepted the 'friendly amendment'.

- Commissioner Proctor asked Staff if the ½ cent sales tax for comprehensive healthcare supports trauma. Does the 'strawman' the Board supported earlier have any reference to trauma.
- County Administrator stated the ½ cent sales tax could be used toward a 'trauma center'.
- Commissioner Proctor also wanted to ask what we are doing to help Gadsden County that has a closed hospital. The infra-structure around Leon County appears to be collapsing.
- Commissioner Rackleff stated he did not want to see a million dollars simply disappear from what could be a much more comprehensive program that the Board hasn't had an opportunity to review and understand what the other choices are. This is a one time only \$1.6 million opportunity. If the only thing on the agenda to use these monies toward is a trauma center, then Commissioner Rackleff cannot support the motion. There is an array of economic development activities that could be funded with this money i.e., from an incubator, to an accelerator, to a small business loan program. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to have a real economic development program. Commissioner Rackleff asked the motion maker for a friendly amendment to include a review of what the Board's choices are toward funding with this \$1.6 million dollars.
- Commissioner Grippa stated he sees this proposal as a component of economic development.
- Commissioner Rackleff stated that this motion turns \$1.6 million dollars toward economic development into \$600,000 toward it. Also, the trauma center could be funded from a ½ cent sales tax, if approved.

Commissioner Rackleff and Commissioner Grippa discussed opposing viewpoints as to how the \$1.6 million dollars should be spent.

- Commissioner Thael stated Leon County and the surrounding areas have the highest mortality rates for a variety of reasons. That is why he brought forward the need for an injury prevention program. He would like the Board to consider what the investment of \$75,000 to \$100,000 for an injury prevention program could do to reducing those numbers. Without more information, he suggested the Board should Workshop the idea of a trauma center. Since a trauma center would cost \$12 million dollars, perhaps we should look at developing a program for small business that we could actually fund. Asked who shares the burden in funding such a large amount – How much does the state pay, the hospital, the city, the county.
- Commissioner Winchester stated he thought it would be a good idea to have a global discussion re: a) deal with the trauma center issue and economic development programs in general. He thinks a workshop may be a better forum for the Commissioners to talk about something as important as economic development. We need a local economic development program for local business, so he would prefer a workshop.
- Commissioner Grippa stated his number one priority is to protect the citizens of Leon County. He supports economic development as much as any other

Commissioner. Commissioner Grippa suggested two workshops be held: one to talk about spending \$1 million for a trauma Center and the other to talk about using the \$700,000 for economic development.

- Commissioner DePuy seconded Commissioner Grippa's motion. Commissioner DePuy has met with Mark O'Brien, who until recently was the representative on the PHIAB Board. Commissioner DePuy stated he cannot think of anything more important than this and he has reviewed the reports from law enforcement regarding the increase in traffic fatalities in Leon County – people of all ages. Commissioner DePuy stated that for us to be the state capital and not have a trauma center is almost negligent. Why not put this money to use that we already have, to save lives and create jobs at the same time.
- Commissioner Rackleff stated it is important to have a trauma center, but it is also important to have home grown technology businesses. This is an opportunity that has been neglected for too long. Commissioner Rackleff agrees with Commissioner Winchester in the context of what can we do with \$1.6 million dollars. Commissioner Rackleff stated the Board should workshop this and look at the choices available. He said he doesn't think the Board is ready to make any final decisions yet.

Commissioner Rackleff moved a substitute motion, seconded by Commissioner Thael to schedule a workshop to consider the various uses for this fund including, but not exclusively the trauma center.

- Commissioner DePuy stated he wanted to make it clear, for the record, that he did not say he wanted to spend \$1 million for the trauma center. He voted to agenda that item so the Board could discuss it.

Commissioner Grippa moved an amended motion, seconded by Commissioner DePuy that the trauma center and other options for the \$1.6 million for economic development be discussed in a Workshop format within one month. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Rackleff withdrew his amended motion.

- Commissioner Sauls indicated her desire would be to workshop these issues, especially since \$1 million would not be nearly enough funding for a trauma center.
- Commissioner Proctor stated he realized that Commissioner Grippa's recent experience with his father-in-law's heart attack has weighed heavily in his passion that we need to do something in the area of trauma. Commissioner Proctor asked the County Administrator if the Board could seek out the forces and sources who are advocating a trauma center so that the Board could discuss the matter with them. Commissioner Proctor stated that since healthcare is the Board's #2 priority for the year, the need for a trauma center is reflected there.

- Commissioner Grippa stated the Board moved quickly on the issue dealing with indigent healthcare on which Leon County has the least amount of uninsured citizens in the state. Commissioner Grippa argued that the trauma center is a major issue and he looks at the trauma center as the Board's Number One issue.

Commissioner Thael

There have been frightening accidents between Maranatha Christian School and Magnolia School that have affected the schools. The City has declined to take up this matter. He would like to see flashing lights installed. Wants an agenda item on this. The City has declined to post 'School Safety Zone' lights in these locations. The County posted 'School Safety Zone' signs; but not the flashing lights in these locations.

Commissioner Thael moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to direct Staff to install two flashing caution lights on Tharpe Street between Maranatha Christian School and Magnolia School for safety reasons. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Thael stated his concern that homeowners who want to build a small screen room or other addition to their home, not only have to pay a permitting fee for the construction, but also are required to go before the Board of Adjustments and Appeals and get a variance from set back rules when citizens live in unincorporated Leon County. The fee to appear before the Board of Adjustments and Appeals has increased from \$250 to \$750. Homeowners who want to build a small room should not have to pay \$750.

Commissioner Thael moved, seconded by Commissioner Rackleff to agenda an item to consider waiving the Board of Adjustments and Appeals \$750 fee for variance requests for homeowners in unincorporated Leon County that want to build screen rooms or small additions to their homes.

Mr. David McDevitt, reported these lots are typically small. Often, the screen porch was built without a permit and when the owner of the home goes to sell the property and find there is a problem with the title transfer because they are not in compliance with the County's zoning set back requirements. Many of these properties are in Killearn Lakes where since the lots are already so small the additions are putting an additional impervious area onto the property. The largest portion of the \$750 fee goes toward advertising and public notification costs – approximately \$550.

- Commissioner Proctor asked if a fee is really necessary to put a screen on a porch.
- Mr. McDevitt reported that these are homeowners who are installing a foundation and then enclosing a screen over it. These are not cases where a homeowner is simply 'screening in an existing patio'.

- Commissioner Thael stated he was not referring to people who had illegally made additions to their homes; but of perhaps a senior citizen who wanted to add a screened room to their homes.
- Commissioner Proctor asked the County Attorney if there were any potential equal protection arguments that could be involved with this motion.
- County Attorney Thiele stated that once the Board would start to waive fees for slight amendments to the setbacks you begin to come down a 'slippery slope'.

Commissioner Rackleff withdrew his second of the motion. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Thael was pleased to announce that Leon County Attorney, Herb Thiele has recently been appointed as the Chairman of the Counties and Special Municipal Districts Department of the International Municipal Lawyers Association. County Attorney Thiele received applause.

Commissioner Rackleff

Requested a Resolution for former Secretary of State, Glenda Hood who recently left office. Wants to thank her for her service to our community. Ms. Hood was involved in the downtown redevelopment, cultural programs like evening concerts on the plaza, the RE Gray Building, and the Capital Cultural District. He would like to present the Resolution to Ms. Hood at the opening of the Napoleon Exhibit at the Museum of Florida History in February.

Reported a dangerous condition on Old St. Augustine Road between Williams and April Roads. There is a large oak tree people keep running into with their vehicles. There was a fatal accident due to this problem over the Christmas holiday. Asked Public Works to bring back an agenda item with different options on how to improve the safety of that stretch. Perhaps guard rails, a flashing light, etc.

Informed the Board of his recent trip to New Orleans with a group called Common Ground Relief. Assisted rehab on houses, converted a building into a clinic. Reported what a life changing experience to see a city so thoroughly devastated and how extensive the damage still remains. Many districts still don't have electricity. Shameful how little has been done. This is a national problem. This is a 300 yr old city that deserves to be brought back to life with our help.

Commissioner Sauls

Asked the County Administrator to set up the Workshop on Code Enforcement soon.

Commissioner DePuy

Wanted to respond to Mr. Danaher's comments earlier regarding the Board holding their retreat at Wakulla Springs this year. Acknowledges he was the one

who suggested that location. Thought the retreat was excellent. Hopes the Commission goes there again especially given that one of the Board's top priorities is water quality issues. Complimented Commissioner Winchester for leading the charge on the water quality issue. Holding the Retreat in Wakulla sent a positive message to Wakulla that Leon County would work harder not to send polluted water their way. Glad to see the City of Tallahassee is working on ways to remediate the sprayfield.

Regarding streamlining the permitting process – there are only seven priorities the Commissioners can vote on. Should have the report back soon from the Citizens' Group and the County's Growth Management Dept. addressing this issue. No one has forgotten about this problem and work on it is underway.

Regarding the Turbocorps vote a lot of people see the same issue in a different way and it has different results.

On the 21st of January the Leon County Sheriff's Citizens Police Academy is sponsoring a fundraiser for the Sheriff's Adventure Camp.

Commissioner DePuy moved, seconded by Commissioner Grippa to waive the rules to take up a funding request. The motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner DePuy moved, seconded by Commissioner Winchester to provide \$500 from the General Fund Contingency to the Leon County Sheriff's Citizens Academy for assistance with a fundraiser for the annual Sheriff's Adventure Camp this summer 2006. Motion carried 7-0.

As an FSU alumnae, Commissioner DePuy was very proud of how the FSU Football Team conducted themselves in the Orange Bowl. Has never witnessed a 3 overtime period college football game. FSU – I am proud to be an alumnus.

Commissioner Proctor

Asked the Board to allow him to share from his budget an amount up to \$2,000 to sponsor the Dr. Martin Luther King event on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

Commissioner Grippa moved, seconded by Commissioner Sauls to allow Commissioner Proctor to use up to \$2,000 out of his budget toward sponsoring the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration to be held in the Courthouse Rotunda on Thursday, January 12, 2006. The motion carried 7-0.

Thanked Staff, the FDOT, and fellow Commissioners for their work toward yesterday's announcement that Crawfordville Road is open for traffic. Thanked Commissioner Sauls, Commissioner Thaell, County Administrator Parwez Alam and other Staff for their presence at this event. The contractor finished 8 months ahead of schedule.

Regarding the Gadsden County issue – Among the 2006 Administrative Issues the Board asked Staff to address the #2 issue was the Gadsden County Hospital closing. Asked the County Administrator to provide a report as to where this matter stands – what contacts and communications have been made in relation to this matter. When a community's hospital closes down that causes serious trauma. Lives are hanging in the balance in a sister community. Requested a report for the next BCC meeting.

Asked his Aide, DeLane Adams to announce other Dr. Martin Luther King celebration events being held throughout the community. Mr. Adams named several events.

Commissioner Grippa requested staff look into a "Smoking Abatement Program". If that doesn't work, then ultimately charge different insurance rates for smokers and non-smokers.

Informed the Board the Fallschase Development Agreement is being challenged and contested by the City of Tallahassee. The City indicated they were leaning toward filing a lawsuit against Fallschase and Leon County. Informed the Board he will be sending a letter regarding the City's challenge to the accuracy and competency of County Staff.

The Board discussed the issues the City raised regarding the Fallschase Agreement.

- Commissioner Grippa discussed at length the City's failure to approach the County with their concerns rather than address any issues they may have by filing a lawsuit.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**The next Board of County Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for
Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.**

Bill Proctor
Chairman

ATTEST:

Bob Inzer
Clerk of the Court